

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: LOUIS RAYMOND  
FALCE, ET AL.  
Serial No.: 09/496,889  
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For: ION THRUSTER HAVING A HOLLOW  
CATHODE ASSEMBLY WITH AN  
ENCAPSULATED HEATER, AND ITS  
FABRICATION

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LETTER RE: PROPERTY RIGHTS STATEMENT

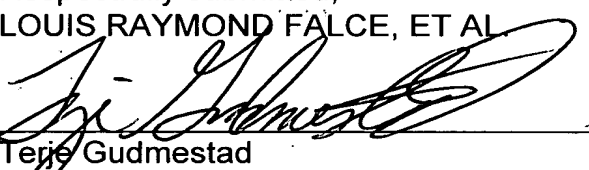
Honorable Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Forty-Five Day Notice to file a Property Rights Statement (Form PTOL-456) dated October 25, 2000, applicants enclose herewith a Declaration, properly executed by inventor Louis Raymond Falce and Inventor John R. Beattie, relating to the above-identified patent application.

Respectfully submitted,  
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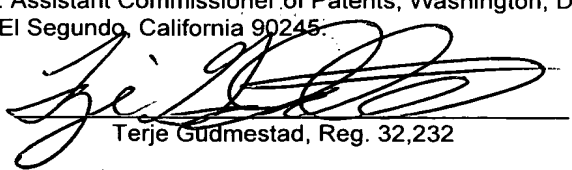
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CERTIFICATION

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